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FOR EA ONLY, MANILA POUCH CEBU

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, EGEN, SHUM, PDIP, RP

SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - PHILIPPINES

1. IMELDA TO JOIN ASEAN MINISTERIAL (CONFIDENTIAL)

MRS. MARCOS HAS DECIDED TO PROLONG HER STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND INSERT HERSELF INTO PART OR ALL OF THE ASEAN/ U.S. MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON AUGUST 3 AND 4. WITH HER PARTICIPATION, THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FIVE FULL MINISTERS, WHEREAS NO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRY WILL HAVE MORE THAN TWO. THE PROTOCOL IMPLICATIONS OF HER ATTENDANCE ARE STILL TO BE WORKED OUT. WE INTEND TO QUIETLY INDICATE IN ASEAN QUARTERS THAT THIS IS ENTIRELY HER INITIATIVE.

2. NEW YORK INCIDENT (CONFIDENTIAL)

BOB OAKLEY TOLD GOV. KOKOY ROMUALDEZ THE WEEK BEFORE LAST  
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THAT WE WISHED TO CONSIDER THE INCIDENT CLOSED AND TOLD MINISTER ROMULO LAST WEEK THAT WE NOW IN FACT CONSIDER IT CLOSED. THIS DREW NO AUDIBLE OR EVEN VISIBLE RESPONSE FROM ROMULO, BUT USUN HAS REPORTED NO FURTHER WORD FROM AMBASSADOR YANGO IN NEW YORK.

3. ANOTHER PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE LEARNED INFORMALLY DURING IMELDA MARCOS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON THAT SHE HAS ORDERED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER" IN WASHINGTON AND HAS ALREADY COMMUNICATED WITH HER FAVORITE ARCHITECT, LEANDRO LOCSIN, IN MANILA TO START WORKING ON PLANS. THE TARGET-DATE FOR COMPLETION IS SAID TO BE HER 50TH BIRTHDAY, JULY 2, 1979, AND PRESS PLAY ON HER WASHINGTON VISIT, REPORTED BY MANILA, INDICATES THAT SHE HAS COMMITTED HERSELF PUBLICLY TO THIS PROJECT AND HAS INVITED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO ATTEND THE OPENING. THE RUMORED SITE IS A PARKING LOT NEAR SCOTT CIRCLE, ACROSS FROM THE PHILIPPINE CHANCERY ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT DETAILS REGARDING LAND OWNERSHIP, ZONING, ETC.

4. MONJO RETURNS (UNCLASSIFIED)

MONJO RETURNED FROM A TWO-WEEK TRIP TO HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES WHERE HE RECEIVED COPIOUS BRIEFINGS, TOURED THE BASES AND IN GENERAL "READ IN" ON THE SITUATION.

5. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.

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